

CHAPTER 10

SECTION 1.1

VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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I. DESCRIPTION

The Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Facilities which have entered into an agreement with the Department of Defense (DoD), are authorized to provide medical care and services to eligibles under the TRICARE Management Activity, and to receive reimbursement on behalf of those eligibles.

II. BACKGROUND

Section 201 of P.L. 102-585 provides the Department of Veterans Affairs the opportunity to enter into agreements with the Department of Defense (DoD) to expand the availability of services in Veterans Affairs Health Care Facilities, to eligibles. The purpose is to expand VA/DoD health care resources in areas of high concentration of DoD beneficiaries by using Veterans Affairs Health Care Facilities' excess capacity. Agreements may be entered into only when the Veterans Affairs Health Care Facility Director certifies to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that implementation will result in improved services to eligibles and will not result in denial of, nor delay in providing services to eligible veterans at that facility. (Refer to attached Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.)

III. POLICY

Veterans Affairs Health Care Facilities which are network providers will be subject to the same Utilization Management and Quality Assurance requirements applicable to other network providers. Services and reimbursement will be as authorized in the [32 CFR 199.6](#), and TRICARE/CHAMPUS manuals subject to limitations and special conditions stipulated in the respective agreements between the Assistant Secretary of Defense of Health Affairs and the Directors of the respective Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Facility.

IV. EXCLUSION

Veterans Affairs Health Care Facility services are not expected to include obstetrics, abortions, pediatrics, nor adolescent psychiatry.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date shall be the date the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs signs the Memorandum of Understanding with the respective Veterans Affairs Health Care Facility. Only services furnished on or after the effective date will be considered for payment.

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